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SUBJ: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR ITALIAN JOURNALIST
CARLO MAZZARELLA

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1. CARLO MAZZARELLA, CORRESPONDENT FOR ITALIAN NATIONAL TELEVISION (RAI), SECOND CHANNEL, AND MILAN DAILY, IL GIORNALE NUOVO, WILL VISIT US FOR SEVERAL WEEKS IN MAY TO COLLECT MATERIAL FOR RAI SPECIAL AND SERIES ARTICLES IL IL GIORNALE ON ITALO-AMERICANS WHO HAVE BEEN OUTSTANDING SUCCESSES THEIR FIELDS. POST REQUESTS HELP FOR MAZZARELLA IN ARRANGING INTERVIEWS WITH MANY AS POSSIBLE OF FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: JUDGE JOHN SIRICA, SENATOR JOHN PASTORE, REP. PETER RODINO, REP. ROBERT GIAIMO, YALE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT VALENTINE GIAMATTI, YALE LAW PROFESSOR GUIDO CALABRESI, NBC NEWS CORRESPONDENT RICHARD VALERIANI, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOCIOLOGIST JOSEPH LOPREATO, COLUMBIA TEACHERS COLLEGE PROFESSOR
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FRANCIS IANNI, SOCIOLOGIST/AUTHOR RICHARD GAMBINO, POET JOHN CIARDI, BANK OF AMERICA PRESIDENT AMADEO GIANNINI, JR., FORD MOTOR COMPANY PRESIDENT ANTHONY IACOCCA, FORMER NEW YORK MAYORALTY CANDIDATE MARIO CUOMO, AUTHOR GAY TALESE, ACTORS SYLVESTER STALLONE AND JOHN TRAVOLTA, AND DEA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW TARTAGLINO.

2. INTERVIEW WITH HEW SECRETARY JOSEPH CALIFANO, TO BE RECORDED DURING CALIFANO'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO ROME, WILL BE LEAD SEGMENT OF RAI SPECIAL.

3. MAZZARELLA ALSO WISHES CONDUCT IN-DEPTH INTERVIEW WITH MEMBERS "TYPICAL" ITALO-AMERICAN FAMILY OF MODEST MEANS (RICHARD GAMBINO SHOULD BE ABLE HELP YOU LOCATE SUCH FAMILY).

4. MAZZARELLA IS LONG-TIME POST CONTACT WHO HAS PRODUCED MANY REPORTEO ON US IN PAST. HE IS POLITICALLY MODERATE AND PRO-AMERICAN. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN RECENT MONTHS, RAI'S SECOND CHANNEL HAS DEALT WITH ITALO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY THROUGH NEGATIVE STEREOTYPES, REFERRING TO COMMUNITY'S ALLEGEDLY "REACTIONARY" TENDENCIES. POST SEES MAZZARELLA'S PROGRAM AS SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY CORRECT SUCH DISTORTIONS AND CONVEY MORE FAVORABLE IMAGE GROUP OF PEOPLE WHOSE PERCEIVED PLACE AND ROLE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY GREATLY INFLUENCE GENERAL ITALIAN VIEWS OF UNITED STATES. WE THEREFORE URGE AGENCY COOPERATE FULLY THIS PROJECT. NO ACTION NEEDS YET BE TAKEN IN RESPONSE THIS PRELIMINARY MESSAGE, HOWEVER. WE WILL ASK YOU TO CONTACT PERSONS LISTED ONLY WHEN MAZZARELLA'S TRAVEL PLANS FIRM. SHIRLEY

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